

PRESS RELEASE

Aruba Wins IBNS 2019 Bank Note of Year Award

Oranjestad, April 3, 2020 – The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) announces today that its voting membership has selected the Central Bank of Aruba (CBA) to receive its annual prestigious “Bank Note of the Year Award” for 2019. Aruba’s new 100 florin bill is the award winning design.

On June 3rd 2019, five new Aruban florin banknotes, of which one has a new denomination, were issued after years of intensive preparations and close cooperation with various local stakeholders, including the commercial banks, as well as international suppliers of banknote paper, security features, and equipment. The 100 florin bill has predominantly a green color, which represents the natural habitat of different species of Aruba’s flora and fauna.



From all significant newly designed and widely circulated banknotes released in 2019, the IBNS membership nominated notes from 22 different countries to place on the ballot. In its press release, IBNS speaks highly of the 100 florin bill:

“The unique designs are truly eye catching and effectively balance the challenge of anti-counterfeit technology with production costs. Local schools and citizens were all engaged in this national currency transition.”

Proud of Aruba

Mrs. Jane Semeleer, President of the CBA: “It is very clear that we have managed to create a beautiful family of banknotes. We have one of the most innovative and modern banknote series in the world. And we’re very proud that our vision – to make Arubans proud of their country and to show the world the rich life of Aruba – has led to an award winning 100 florin banknote. “

Free educational app ‘Aruba su Florin’

To introduce the safety features of the new banknotes to the Aruban community, the CBA launches a free app. The app enables the possibility to discover all features of the banknotes in a playful and approachable way.

Mrs. Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Director of the CBA: “After the successful introduction of the new banknotes last year, people are used to the new appearance. Thus, this is the right moment to take the Aruban community a step further in getting familiarized with the banknotes, by exploring the security features and having some fun in doing so. The app is both educational and entertaining, getting to know the unique design and features, and the story behind them.”

- For more information on the banknotes: <https://www.cbaruba.org/newbanknotes2019/>
- Download the app on the App Store or get it on Google Play by searching for Aruba su Florin
- For more info on the IBNS and the award: www.theibns.org

About the Centrale Bank van Aruba

The main purpose of the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) is to contribute to the financial stability and economic well-being of the Aruban community. The CBA accomplishes this mission by implementing an effective monetary policy aimed towards maintaining the value of the florin, by promoting the soundness and integrity of the financial system, and by providing an efficient and reliable payments system.

Besides these core tasks, the CBA is also the sole issuer of florin banknotes and florin coins, and acts as banker to the Government of Aruba. In addition, it regulates the flow of international payments, manages the available foreign exchange reserves of Aruba, and supervises the spending thereof.

For more information on the Centrale Bank van Aruba, please visit the website www.cbaruba.org

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